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# PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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Sir:

Please amend the application as follows:

### IN THE SPECIFICATION

Please delete the "Claim of Benefit to Provisional Application" on page 1, lines 2-9, and insert therein a new "Claim of Benefit to Prior Applications" as follows:

### -- CLAIM OF BENEFIT TO PROVISIONAL APPLICATION

This patent application claims the benefit of the earlier-field U.S. Provisional Patent Application entitled "Interconnect Method, Apparatus, and Architecture for Integrated Circuits and Integrated-Circuit Layouts", having serial number 60/295,735, and filed 6/3/2001; and U.S. Provisional Patent Application entitled "Interconnect Method, Apparatus, and Architecture for Integrated Circuits and Integrated-Circuit Layouts", having serial number 60/298,146, and filed

